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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON BEIRUT RAID; TABLING OF RESOLUTION

BEIRUT: DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR 7 A. M.

1. USUN HAS REPORTS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES (SEPTELS) THAT APPARENTLY AT INSTIGATION OF EGYPT, THE UNAMENDED UK/ FRENCH DRAFT IS GOING TO BE TABLED BY SUDAN, YUGOSLAVIA, GUINEA AND INDIA, EVIDENTLY AS A SPOILING OPERATION TO PREVENT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN US AND LEBANON OF A RESOLUTION WHICH BOTH MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT. FYI WHAT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS UK/ FRENCH DRAFT IS ACTUALLY ORIGINAL LEBANESE " PROPOSAL" ON WHICH UK AND FRENCH HAD BEEN WORKING AND WHICH
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WE HAD CHARACTERIZED AS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF ITS PATENT LACK OF BALANCE. END FYI.

2- YOU SHOULD SEE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUHAMAD SOONEST AND TELL HIM THAT WE ARE DISTURBED ABOUT THESE REPORTS AS WE ASSUME HE IS AND THAT WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION WE MUST ASSUME IT IS ALONG LINES OF DRAFT WE HAD SAID WE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO VETO. WE ARE PARTICULARLY SORRY ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE WE HAD THOUGHT SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TOWARD A TEXT THAT BOTH LEBANON AND WE COULD ACCEPT. SINCE LEBANON HAD CALLED FOR THE SC MEETING, IT SEEMS TO US IT HAS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE ACTION TO AVOID AN UNHAPPY OUTCOME.

3. ACCORDINGLY YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ABOUHAMAD MIGHT REQUEST HIS PRESIDENT TO SEND MESSAGES TO CAPITALS OF SUDAN, YUGOSLAVIA, GUINEA AND INDIA, ASKING THEM TO DESIST FROM INTRODUCING RESOLUTION (OR, IF THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE SO, NOT TO PRESS IT EXCEPT IN CONSULTATION AND BY AGREEMENT WITH LEBANON.) HE COULD POINT TO SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF LEBANON BECAUSE IT HAD CALLED FOR THIS MEETING AND ASK THAT FURTHER MOVES IN THE COUNCIL BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

4. YOU MIGHT ALSO SUGGEST TO ABOUHAMAD THAT IF, AS WE EXPECT, INTRODUCTION OF AN UNACCEPTABLE " SPOILING" RESOLUTION MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR LEBANON TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING WITH US ON A TEXT THAT MIGHT HAVE CHANCE OF PASSAGE, HE MIGHT CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AS A POSSIBLE WAY OUT OF THIS SITUATION: LEBANON MIGHT AT APPROPRIATE TIME SAY THAT NEGOTIATION OF A COMPROMISE DRAFT HAVING BEEN MADE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT BY THE PREMATURE TABLING OF TEXT PURPORTING TO SERVE LEBANON' S CAUSE, LEBANON WOULD PREFER THE MEETING TO ADJOURN WITHOUT ANY RESOLUTION AT ALL. PRESIDENT OF SC COULD SUM UP THE DEBATE, AND THERE WOULD THUS BE FULL RECORD OF LEBANON' S CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS. ROGERS

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